

Welcome to the California State Library

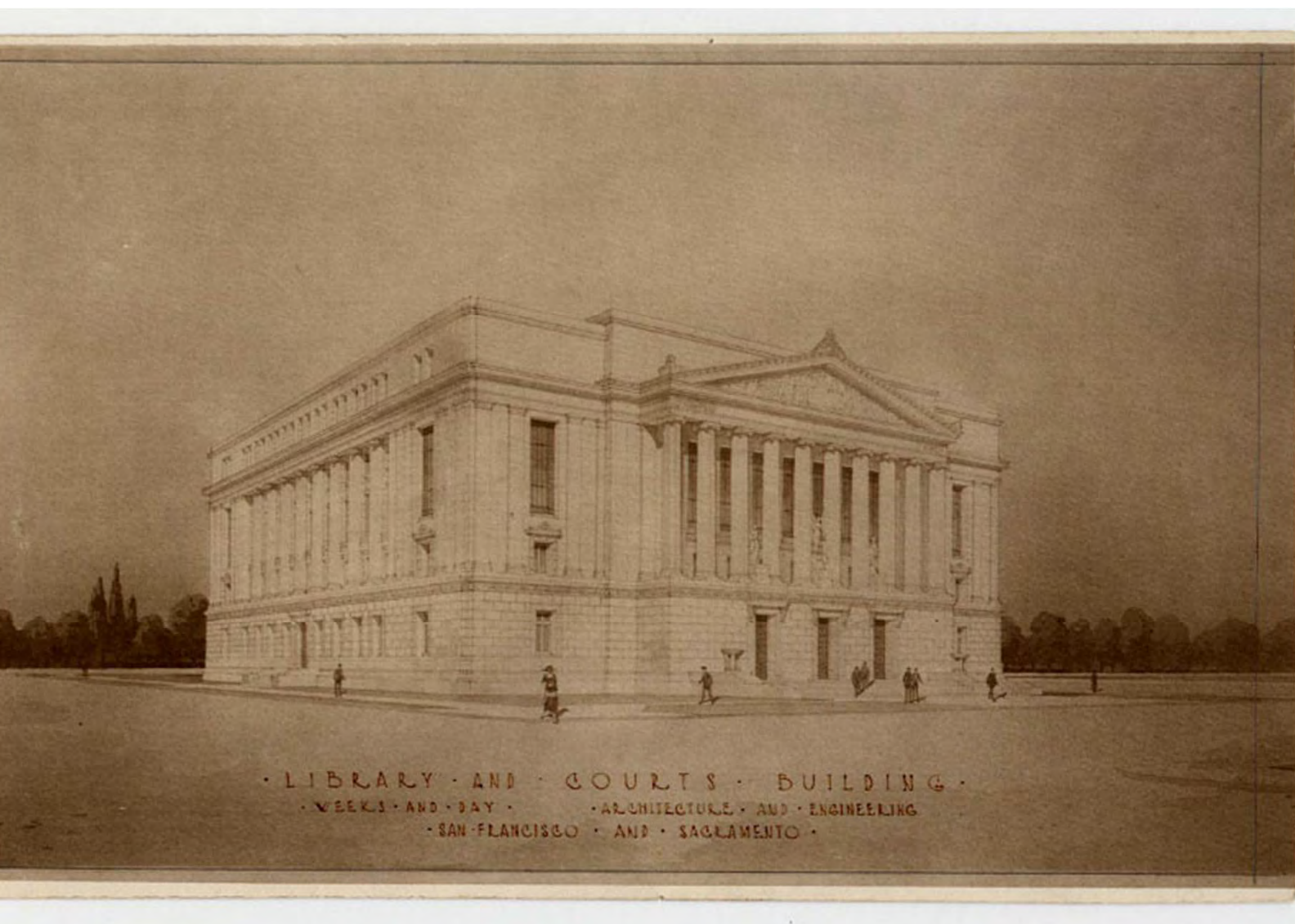


Mission

The California State Library is the state's information hub, preserving California's cultural heritage and connecting people, libraries and government to the resources and tools they need to succeed and to build a strong California

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In recent years, libraries have taken on an increasingly important role. Today's libraries are about much more than books."

-Jodi Rell, former Governor of Connecticut

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State Library Services

- Information Resources
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- California Research Bureau

Programs

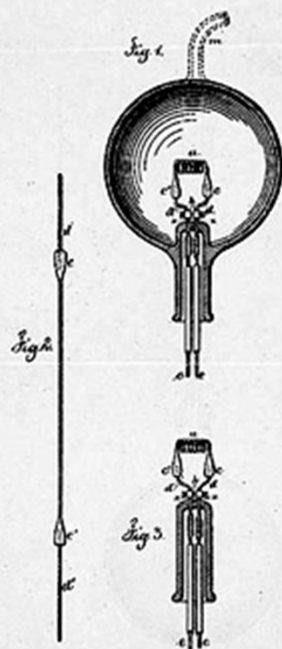
- California Cultural and Historical Endowment
- California Civil Liberties Public Education Program



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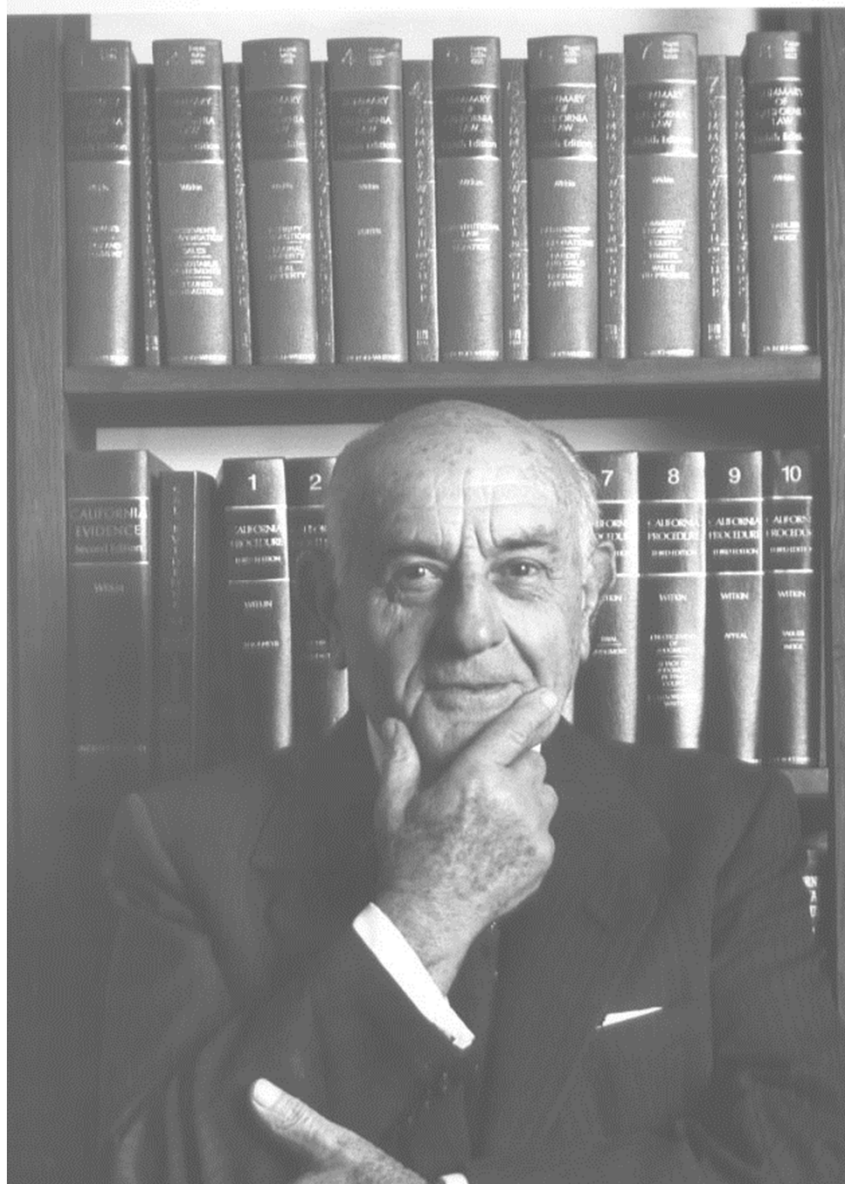
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California Research Bureau Reports


TRANSFORMING Life after 50
A Resource for Libraries

SOCIAL MEDIA MIDLIFE TRENDS INNOVATORS RESOURCES TOOLS & IDEAS CONTACT US

What is TLA50?

Transforming Life After 50 (TLA50): Libraries and Baby Boomers is a statewide initiative launched by the California State Library in 2007. It has now become a national model for library innovation in serving and engaging the growing population of life adults, ages 50+.

Someone who was 20 during the 1967 Summer of Love turned 55 in 2002.

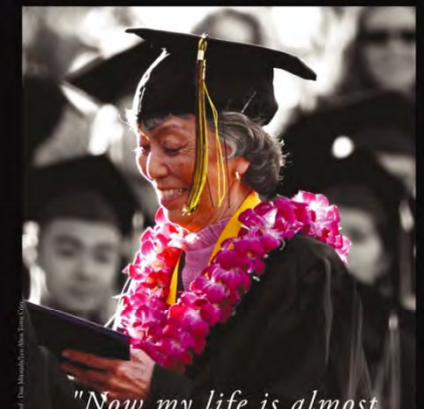


Readers and Beyond: Who are the Boomers?

Why does increased longevity matter?


Approximately 78 million babies were born in the U.S. during the boom years of 1945 to 1964. In general, these "Baby Boomers" are the largest, healthiest, most affluent, and best educated cohort of Americans ever to move through and beyond their fifties. [Read more](#)

Since the late 1990s, Civic Ventures (www.civicventures.org), a national think tank and incubator of innovation on this "new life stage," and other national organizations including AARP (www.aarp.org) and the National Council on Aging (www.respectability.org), have been tracking trends in the attitudes, motivations, and behaviors of the Baby Boomer cohort as well as the readiness of the public, nonprofit, and private sectors to respond. [Read more](#)



"Now my life is almost complete ... I finally accomplished through thick and thin, and then through 60 years with patience."

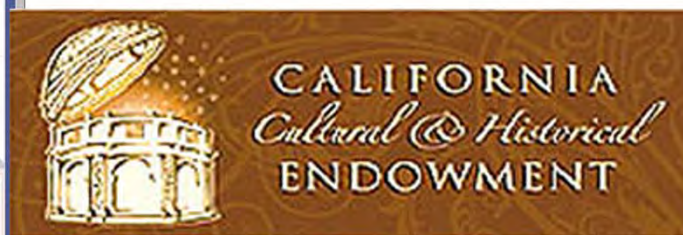
Mary Okumura Kitahara, Mountain View High School, Class of 1942, honored in 2004



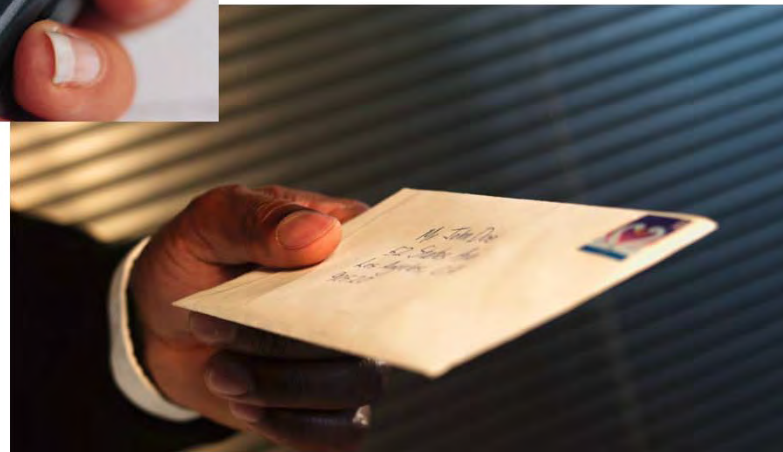
California Nisei High School Diploma Project

For individuals whose high school years were interrupted due to the forced removal and incarceration of Japanese-Americans during World War II (1942-1945). Find out how you or your family can sign up and support our efforts at www.nisei.org.

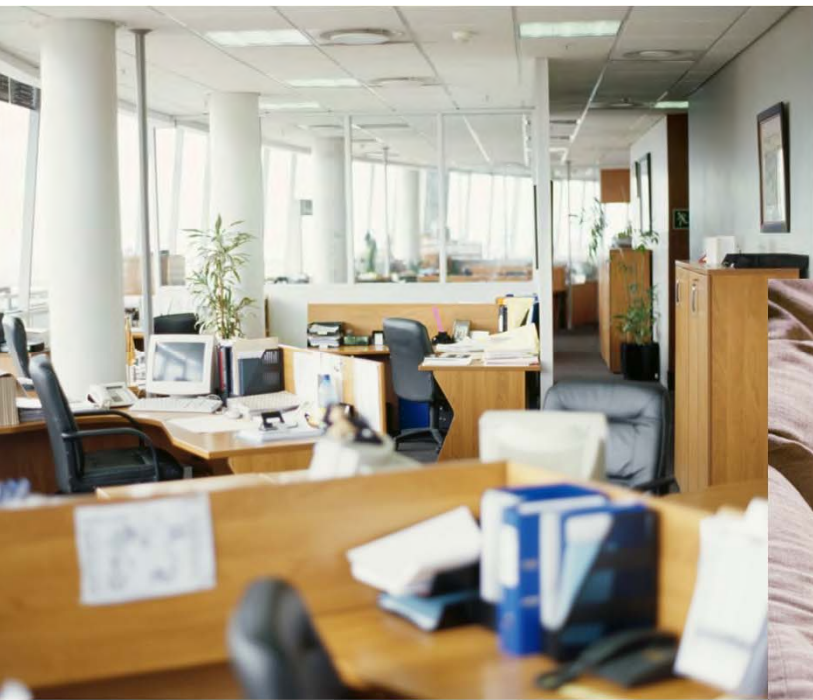
California Nisei High School Diploma Project is a project of the Japanese Cultural & Community Center of Northern California, 1840 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94115, (415) 567-5505. Funding is provided by the California Civil Liberties Public Education Project.



How Can You Contact Us?



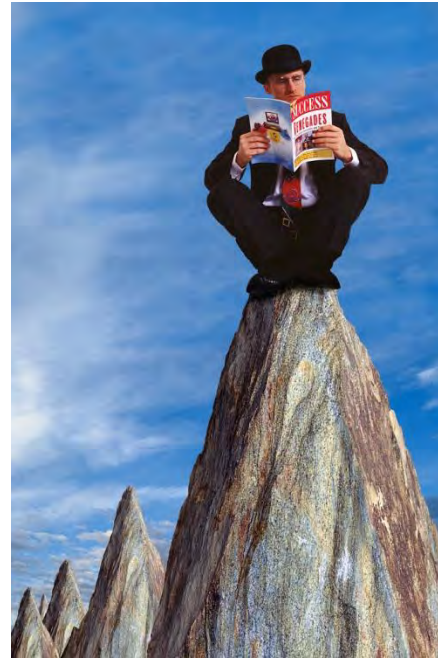
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- [Braille and Talking Book Catalog](#) - Find Braille cassettes and talking books available to eligible users of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.
- Items labeled "In Library Use Only" are not available for loan.
- Not all of the Library's collections are included in the catalogs. For details, please refer to our descriptions of the [Library's collections](#).

Additional Finding Tools

- [California History Databases](#)
- [Online Resources](#) - Find articles in newspapers and magazines, statistical resources, e-books and other Internet tools that augment the Library's collections.
- [Other Libraries Catalogs](#) - CalCat. Find the materials you need in California libraries.
- [Melvyl Catalog](#) - Includes holdings of the libraries of the University of California and the California State Library.

eBooks

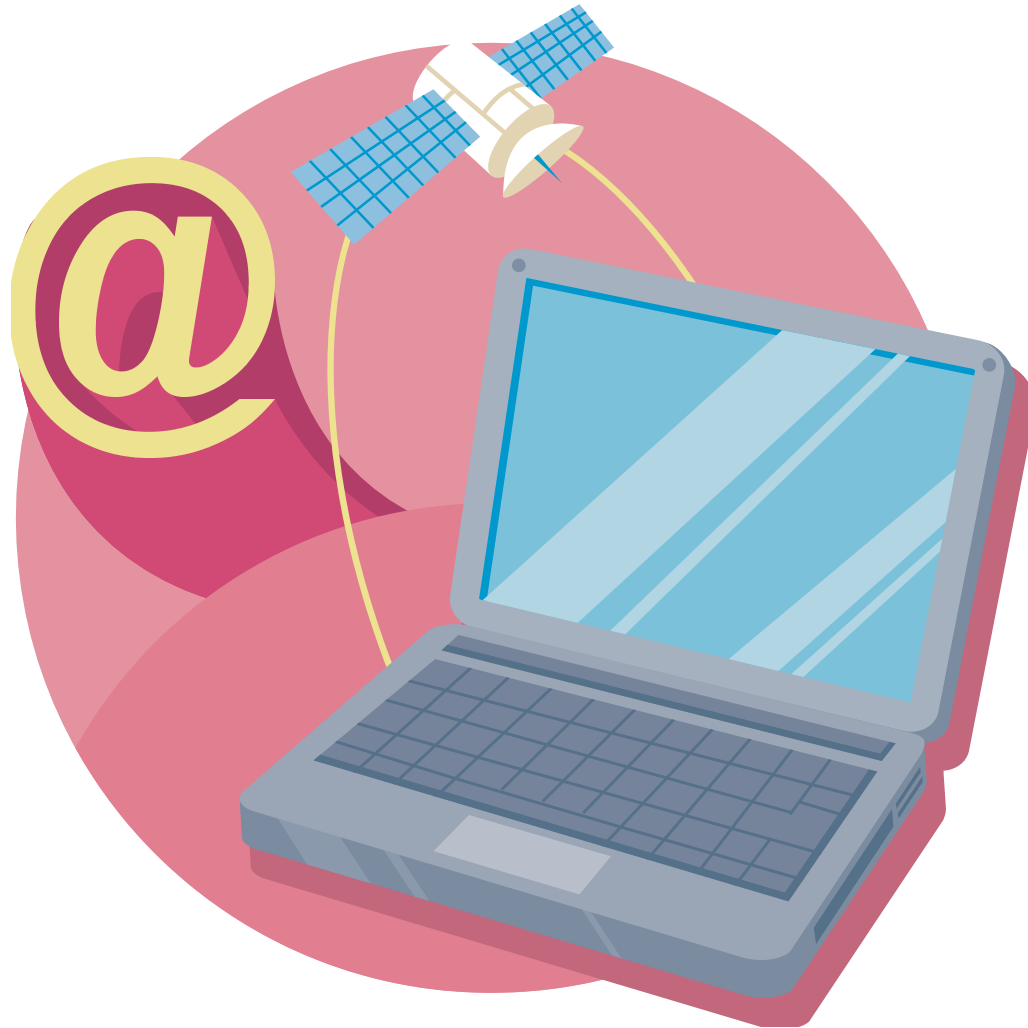




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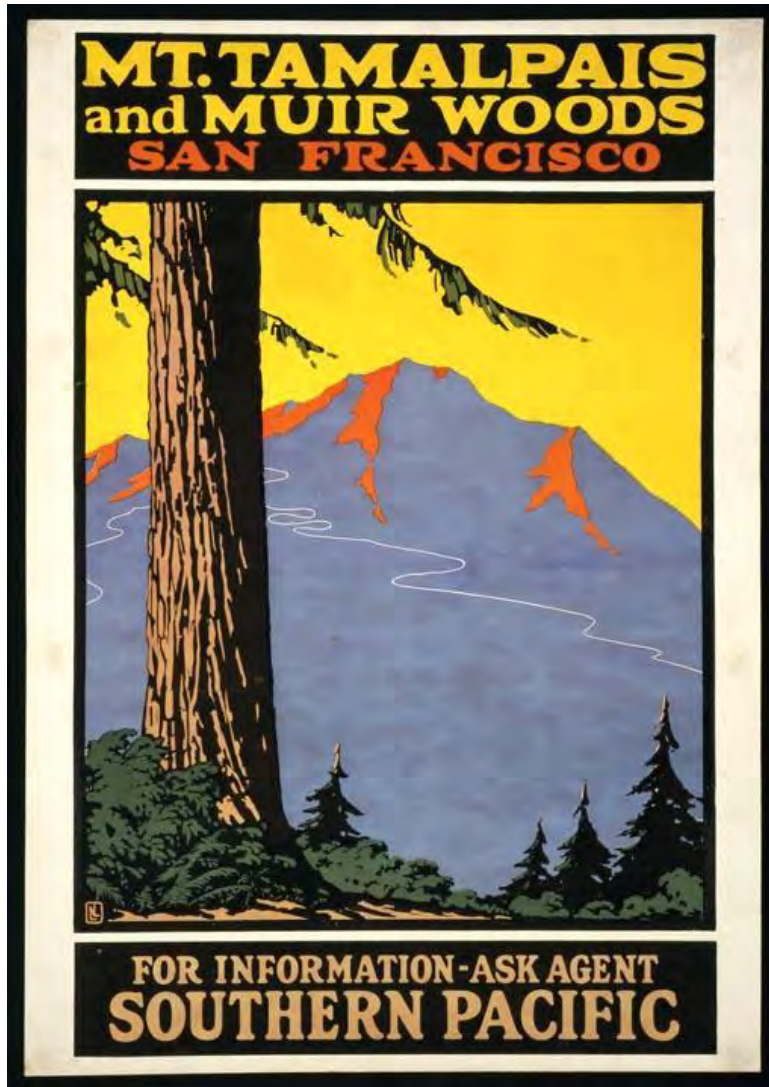
What Else You Can Find at the Library



The image is a composite. The top-left portion shows a manuscript page with the heading "Almighty God" written in a decorative, calligraphic script. The rest of the image is a large, detailed painting of a seascape. The scene depicts a dark, choppy sea under a vast, dramatic sky filled with large, billowing white and grey clouds. A bright light source, likely the sun, is positioned behind the clouds on the horizon, creating a strong glow and illuminating the scene. In the foreground, dark, rocky cliffs with patches of green vegetation and small evergreen trees frame the left and right sides of the sea. The overall mood is one of awe and grandeur.



Exhibits

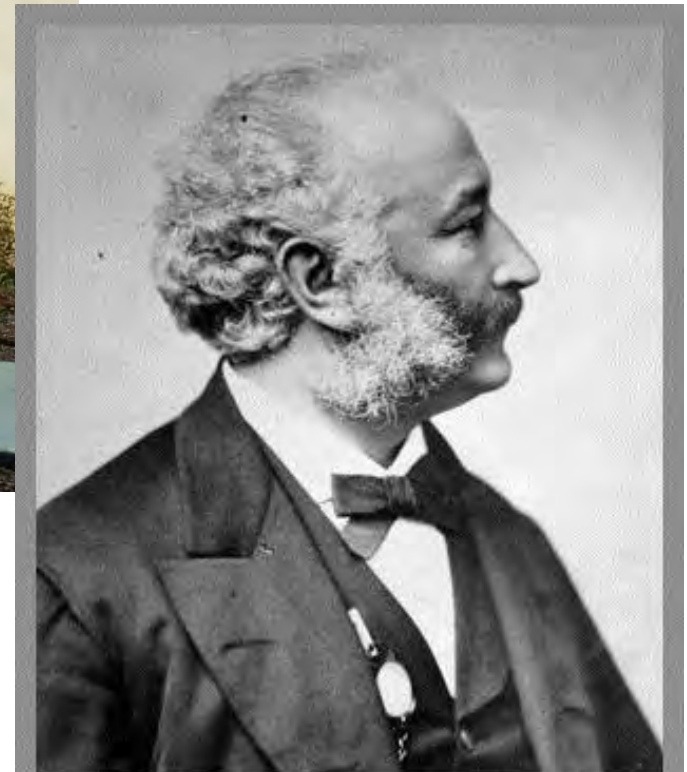


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*Thinking & Talking
at the
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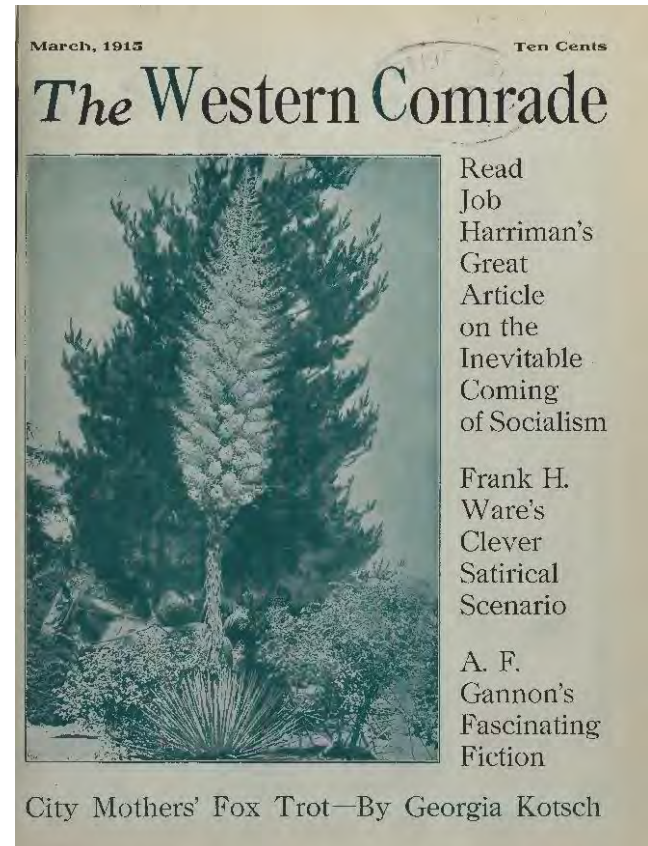


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